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LICENSING COMMITTEE

Meeting Summary

DATE: June 15, 2006

TIME: 9:30 a.m. – 12 noon

LOCATION: Hilton Burbank Airport & Convention Center
2500 Hollywood Way
Burbank, CA 91505-1019

BOARD MEMBERS Ruth Conroy, Pharm.D., Chair
Clarence Hiura, Pharm.D.

STAFF PRESENT: Patricia Harris, Executive Officer
Virginia Herold, Assistant Executive Officer
Robert Ratcliff, Supervising Inspector

Call to Order

Committee Chair Ruth Conroy called the meeting to order at 9:30 a.m.

Request for Board Recognition of the School of Pharmacy at the University of Appalachia

Chair Ruth Conroy reported that the University of Appalachia College of Pharmacy (UACP) is requesting that the Board of Pharmacy recognize its school of pharmacy for purposes of approving intern applications.

Current regulation, 16 CCR section 1719, states that a “recognized school of pharmacy” means a school accredited, or granted candidate status, by the Accreditation Council for Pharmacy Education (ACPE).

UACP was granted Pre-Candidate status by the ACPE in June 2005 to admit the first class of students in August 2005. The decision for the UACP to be eligible for advancement to candidate status will be made by at the ACPE board meeting scheduled for the end of June 2006.

The Licensing Committee recommended that the Board of Pharmacy recognize UACP.

Restrictions on the Transfer of California Pharmacist License to Other States

In a memorandum dated March 31, 2006, the National Association of Boards of Pharmacy reported on the state restrictions for license transfer. These state restrictions apply to an applicant when reciprocating to a jurisdiction using a particular license. While most states do reciprocate with each other; however, several states do not allow an applicant to transfer when using particular license for the basis of transfer. Currently there are 26 states (jurisdictions) that do not allow transfer when using a California license for the basis of the transfer.

The Licensing Committee requested that staff contact these 26 states to determine why a California license cannot be used for the basis of the transfer and determine what options if any that would allow the use of the California license. The committee requested that this information be reported at the next committee meeting.

Report on the ACPE Site Visit at Touro University College of Pharmacy

Former Board Member John Tilley participated as the board representative on the ACPE accreditation team for the site visit of Touro University, in Vallejo, on April 25th and 26th.

He reported that the ACPE site visit included several meetings. The meetings were with potential preceptors, different teams of faculty and students. There was also a tour of the facilities. Mr. Tilley reported that Touro's is petitioning ACPE to allow them to do two years of classroom combined with two years of rotation. This is unlike most other colleges of pharmacy where there are three years of classroom work and the fourth year is rotations.

Mr. Tilley stated that he found the meeting with the students the most interesting because they were very excited to be in the first year class for Touro. They felt it was up to them to shape their own future and be responsible for the success of the program. The site team also reviewed the admittance process.

He concluded his report by adding that currently there is just one classroom that the first year pharmacy students are using for their class activities and lectures. Beginning this fall, there was concern about sharing one classroom for all the students when Touro adds its second first year class. However, Touro plans to expand its facilities in two years.

Mr. Tilley thanked the Board of Pharmacy for allowing him to participate on the ACPE site visit. He appreciated the experience.

ACPE Continuing Education (CE) Provider Advisory Committee Meeting

ACPE distributed its revised *ACPE Definition of Continuing Education for the Profession of Pharmacy*. The distribution was profession-wide with a comment period of October 11th - December 8, 2005. This revision was necessary because of various changes taking place in pharmacy. The American Association of Colleges of Pharmacy recently updated the contemporary educational outcomes needed to prepare pharmacists for their evolving role in meeting patient and public health needs. These outcomes will be incorporated into ACPE's revision of the Standards for Professional Degree Programs in Pharmacy (the standards for Doctor of Pharmacy programs). In addition, NABP recently redefined its blueprint for the pharmacist licensing examination. A Future Vision of Pharmacy Practice was agreed upon by the Joint Commission of Pharmacy Practitioners and its believe that continuing education will be

a key variable to achieving this vision. In addition, ACPE-accredited providers and state boards of pharmacy have requested ACPE assistance in distinguishing continuing education offerings designed for pharmacists from CE designed for pharmacy technicians.

The revised definition was also presented and discussed at ACPE's 11th Annual Conference of Continuing Education, NABP's Fall Education Meeting and the ASHP Midyear meeting. In addition, forty-seven responses were received. The original timeline indicated that the comments would be reviewed, discussed, and a new *Definition* would be approved by the Board of Directors at their January 2006 meeting. Because of the number of concerns, ACPE decided to review and discuss the comments with its CE Provider Advisory Committee and its stakeholders. Former Board Member John Jones participated in this ACPE's advisory meeting in May.

Mr. Jones reported that the advisory committee discussed the draft and were able to provide guidance to ACPE. The advisory committee expressed the importance that ACPE assure the quality of CE especially on-line CE where it is evident that the assessment component has been compromised.

The Licensing Committee thanked Mr. Jones and directed staff to evaluate the standards once ACPE adopts them to determine whether the board's regulations need to be revised.

Review of Strategic Plan

Chair Ruth Conroy reported that at its April meeting, the board updated its strategic plan. However, several key tasks remain to finalize the new plan, which will be reviewed by the board at the July meeting. To finalize the new plan, the Licensing Committee reviewed and updated its segment of the strategic plan.

The Licensing Committee reviewed each of the 12 strategic issues for content and relevancy to the goal of licensing. Then the committee reviewed each objective for relevancy under each strategic issue.

The committee recommended that the board approve the committee's strategic plan.

Competency Committee Report

Assistant Executive Officer Virginia Herold reported that at the October 2005 board meeting, the board approved the use of the new content outline for the California Pharmacist Jurisprudence Examination (CPJE) given on or after April 1, 2006. The board began using the new content outline for CPJE exams effective April 1, 2006.

She also reported that the Board of Pharmacy performs periodic quality assurance assessments to ensure the appropriateness of the California Pharmacist Jurisprudence Examination (CPJE). The board initiated such a study on April 1, 2006. To assure the thoroughness of this assessment, approximately 400 individuals will be needed for participation. Once enough candidates have taken the CPJE, release of examination scores should resume on a weekly basis, usually within 14 days after a candidate takes the examination.

Based on the number of candidates who took the CPJE last year during this same period, the board anticipated releasing scores by the end of June 2006. After two full months of exam administration, fewer than 100 candidates have taken the CPJE. At this rate, the anticipated results release date will be after the projected end of June 2006. In order to complete the quality assurance assessment, 400 candidates are required to take the CPJE. Candidates who have taken the exam have been advised about this delay in releasing exam results.

Ms. Herold stated that the Office of Examination Resources within the Department of Consumer Affairs is renewing its contract with a vendor to provide computer based testing. The board uses this contract's vendor to administer the CPJE. The current contract expires December 1, 2006.

The Department of General Services in conjunction with the Department of Consumer Affairs issued the Notification of Intent to Award the contract to Thomson Learning, Inc. This is the same company that owns the current vendor, Thomson Prometric. However, one losing bidder has filed an appeal, which must be resolved or denied before the contract will be in place.

The contract implementation date is November 16, 2006. The duration of the contract is 3 years with 2 one-year optional extensions.

Adjournment

Chair Ruth Conroy adjourned the meeting at 12 noon.